IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A drawing method, comprising the steps of:

setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

generating a second image from the first image;

defining a coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit, wherein the coefficient is defined using a predetermined byte when the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit is composed of at least three bytes; [[and]]

synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

outputting the synthesized image.

2. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the coefficient is extracted from a table having a plurality of coefficients gradationally composed therein using the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit as an index.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the second byte is selected as the predetermined byte for the case that the value is composed of three bytes.

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5. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the coefficient is defined as a semi-transparent coefficient such that increasing a ratio of the second image as the distance from the virtual viewpoint increases.

6. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the second image is generated by subjecting the first image to a predetermined image processing.

7. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 6, wherein the predetermined image processing for the first image is blurring.

8. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the second image is generated using an arbitrary color.

9. (original) The drawing method according to Claim 1, wherein the predetermined compositional unit is a pixel.

10. (currently amended) A drawing device, comprising:

a distance setting means for setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an image generation means for generating a second image from the first image;

a coefficient definition means for defining a coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit, wherein the coefficient is defined using a predetermined byte when the value for expressing the

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distance for every predetermined compositional unit is composed of at least three bytes;

[[and]]

a synthetic means for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

an output means for outputting the synthesized image.

11. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the coefficient definition means extracts the coefficient from a table having a plurality of coefficients gradationally composed therein using the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit as an index.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the coefficient definition means selects the second byte as the predetermined byte for the case that the value is composed of three bytes.

14. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the coefficient definition means defines the coefficient as a semi-transparent coefficient such that increasing a ratio of the second image as the distance from the virtual viewpoint increases.

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15. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the image generation means generates the second image by subjecting the first image to a predetermined image processing.

16. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 15, wherein the image generation means subjects the first image to blurring as the predetermined image processing.

17. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the image generation means generates the second image using an arbitrary color.

18. (original) The drawing device according to Claim 10, wherein the distance setting means sets the distance for every pixel as a compositional unit.

19. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program to be executed on a computer, the draw processing program comprising:

a distance setting step for setting a value expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an image generation step for generating a second image from the first image;

a coefficient definition step for defining a coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

a synthetic step for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

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an output step for outputting the synthesized image.

wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for defining such coefficient using a predetermined byte for the case that the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit is at least three bytes.

20. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for extracting such coefficient from a table having a plurality of coefficients gradationally composed therein using the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit as an index.

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for selecting the second byte as the predetermined byte for the case that the value is composed of three bytes.

23. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for defining as such coefficient a semi-transparent coefficient such that increasing a ratio of the second image as the distance from the virtual viewpoint increases.

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24. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the image generation step further comprises a step for generating the second image by subjecting the first image to a predetermined image processing.

25. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 24, wherein the image generation step further comprising a step for subjecting the first image to blurring as the predetermined image processing.

26. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the image generation step further comprises a step for generating an image composed of an arbitrary color as the second image.

27. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program according to Claim 19, wherein the predetermined compositional unit is a pixel.

28. (currently amended) A program execution device for executing a draw processing program, such draw processing program comprising:

a distance setting step for setting a value expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an image generation step for generating a second image from the first image;

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a coefficient definition step for defining a coefficient corresponding to the value

for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

a synthetic step for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the

coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

an output step for outputting the synthesized image,

wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for defining such

coefficient using a predetermined byte for the case that the value for expressing the

distance for every predetermined compositional unit is at least three bytes.

29. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing

program according to Claim 28, wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises

a step for extracting such coefficient from a table having a plurality of coefficients

gradationally composed therein using the value for expressing the distance for every

predetermined compositional unit as an index.

30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The program execution device for executing a draw

processing program according to Claim 28, wherein the coefficient definition step further

comprises a step for selecting the second byte as the predetermined byte for the case that

the value is composed of three bytes.

32. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing

program according to Claim 28, wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises

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a step for defining as such coefficient a semi-transparent coefficient such that increasing a ratio of the second image as the distance from the virtual viewpoint increases.

33. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing program according to Claim 28, wherein the image generation step further comprises a step for generating the second image by subjecting the first image to a predetermined image processing.

34. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing program according to Claim 33, wherein the image generation step further comprises a step for subjecting the first image to blurring as the predetermined image processing.

35. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing program according to Claim 28, wherein the image generation step further comprises a step for generating an image composed of an arbitrary color as the second image.

36. (original) The program execution device for executing a draw processing program according to Claim 28, wherein the predetermined compositional unit is a pixel.

37. (currently amended) A draw processing program to be executed on a computer comprising:

a distance setting step for setting a value expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an image generation step for generating a second image from the first image;

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a coefficient definition step for defining a coefficient corresponding to the value

for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

a synthetic step for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the

coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

an output step for outputting the synthesized image,

wherein the coefficient definition step further comprises a step for defining such

coefficient using a predetermined byte for the case that the value for expressing the

distance for every predetermined compositional unit is at least three bytes.

38. (currently amended) A drawing device comprising:

a distance setting unit for setting a value expressing distance from a virtual

viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an image generation unit for generating a second image from the first image;

a coefficient definition unit for defining a coefficient corresponding to the value

for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit, wherein the

coefficient is defined using a predetermined byte when the value for expressing the

distance for every predetermined compositional unit is composed of at least three bytes;

[[and]]

a synthetic unit for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the

coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

an output unit for outputting the synthesized image.

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39. (currently amended) A drawing method, comprising the steps of:

setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

generating a second image from the first image;

defining a coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

outputting the synthesized image,

wherein the second image is generated by subjecting the first image to a predetermined image processing that is blurring.

40. (currently amended) A drawing method, comprising the steps of:

setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

generating a second image from the first image;

defining [[a]] an α blending coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

outputting the synthesized image,

wherein:

the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit is composed of two-or-more twenty four bits, and

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the α blending coefficient is defined using successive predetermined bits of the ~~two or more~~ twenty four bits.

41. (currently amended) A drawing device, comprising:

a distance setting means for setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

an imaged generation means for generating a second image from the first image;

a coefficient definition means for defining [[a]] an α blending coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

a synthetic means for synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined for every predetermined compositional unit; and

an output means for outputting the synthesized image,

wherein:

the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit is composed of ~~two or more~~ twenty four bits, and

the α blending coefficient is defined using successive predetermined bits of the ~~two or more~~ twenty four bits.

42. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a draw processing program to be executed on a computer, the draw processing program performing the steps of:

setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

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generating a second image from the first image;

defining [[a]] an α blending coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing

the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined

for every predetermined compositional unit; and

outputting the synthesized image,

wherein:

the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit

is composed of ~~two or more~~ twenty four bits, and

the α blending coefficient is defined using successive predetermined bits of the

~~two or more~~ twenty four bits.

43. (currently amended) A program execution device for executing a draw

processing program, the draw processing program performing the steps of:

setting a value for expressing distance from a virtual viewpoint to every

predetermined compositional unit of a first image;

generating a second image from the first image;

defining [[a]] an α blending coefficient corresponding to the value for expressing

the distance set to every predetermined compositional unit; [[and]]

synthesizing the first image and the second image based on the coefficient defined

for every predetermined compositional unit; and

outputting the synthesized image,

wherein:

the value for expressing the distance for every predetermined compositional unit

is composed of ~~two or more~~ twenty four bits, and

the α blending coefficient is defined using successive predetermined bits of the

~~two or more~~ twenty four bits.

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